

Tasmanian Liberal Government

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Greens scaremongering on renewable energy target

Rather than constantly looking for negatives, the Greens should be proud that Tasmania is a world leader in renewable energy generation and that we are just one step away from reaching 100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewable energy generation.

We have consistently said the renewable energy sources that will contribute towards the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target (TRET) to double our renewable energy generation output by 2040, will be based on solar, water and wind.

The harvesting of native forests specifically for renewable energy production is not currently required to be a part of the TRET, and our legislation will specify that any future renewable energy source will need to be declared by the Minister for Energy through a disallowable instrument.

This will ensure both Houses of Parliament have the opportunity to review and approve any future renewable energy sources that count towards the TRET.

Despite the Greens scaremongering, bioenergy is an internationally recognised form of renewable energy that uses organic renewable materials (known as biomass) to produce not only electricity but heat, biogas and liquid fuels – to contribute towards a low emission future.

Developing options to support the bioenergy sector in Tasmania forms part of the Government's Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan, and I am confident bioenergy will contribute to the rebuilding of the Tasmanian economy from the impacts of COVID-19.